

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Serial No.: 10/526,066
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Ref: Q86455

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are all the claims pending in the application. Of these claims, claim 1 is in independent form with claims 2-26 depending therefrom.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under § 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite. In addition, the Examiner has entered an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-3, 6-11 and 15-26. On the other hand, it is noted with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 4, 5 and 12-14 contain allowable subject matter.

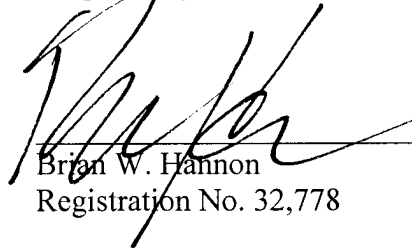
By way of this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome the § 112 (second paragraph) rejection. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 4, which has correspondingly been cancelled. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1-3 and 5-26 are allowable. Further, in view of the indicated allowability of dependent claim 12, Applicant has added new independent claim 27 corresponding to claim 1 plus claim 12.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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